

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of
HUMES et al.

Serial No. 08/823,123

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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR FILTERING
DATA RECEIVED BY A COMPUTER SYSTEM



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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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In response to the Office Action dated November 25, 1998,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims, without prejudice, as follows:

1. (Once amended) A computer readable memory containing a computer program for programming a general purpose computer to perform a method for filtering a block of text data containing words received over a network, wherein said method comprises the steps of:

a) providing a listing of target words, each target word in said listing of target words having a respective score associated therewith, which score may be zero, wherein at least one of said target words has a negative score associated therewith;

b) comparing each word in said block of text data to said listing to determine any word in said block of text data which matches one

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